

## Questions for Week 5 (July 27)

### 9. The Perfect Penitent

A theory is proposed as to how the Atonement of Christ works.

1. Christians believe the main thing that Christ came to earth to do was...?
2. If God was willing to forgive, why did he require an innocent man killed?
3. What is repentance? According to you? To Lewis?
4. What are the limits of human repentance? How does God help us achieve repentance?
5. Many people say that it was easy for Christ to live a perfect life, suffer, and be crucified since he was God. How does Lewis respond?

### 10. The Practical Conclusion

Some implications of life in Christ are briefly stated.

1. Lewis states that according to Christian belief, by sharing in the humility and suffering of Christ we shall share in...?
2. Lewis states that being a Christian is more than just mental belief, it involves the physical activities of...?
3. According to Lewis, doing good in order to appease God is not the reason Christians do good. Rather, any good that a Christian does is a result of...?
4. Lewis admits to having been puzzled by the idea that the new life is confined to Christians only. What is his answer to this question?
5. Another objection that Lewis sites is the question of why God does not deal openly and decisively with the Devil. What is his answer to this question?

### Resources:

**Audio of this book** can heard on our podcast or at our webpage at <http://www.beaconnet.org>

**A professional recording** can be heard on YouTube, with Chapter 9 beginning in this file:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6-Je71BQCg>

The **radio address** that became the final chapter of *Mere Christianity* is here in Lewis' own voice:  
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/people/cslewis\\_16.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/people/cslewis_16.shtml)

**The entire text** can be read on-line here (among other places):  
<http://www.philosophyforlife.com/mctoc.htm>

**A more detailed study guide** can be downloaded here (the next-to-last file):  
<http://scholia.net/mccoy.html>

Finally, **a detailed outline designed for small group leaders** can be found below. It may also be useful for general use or review:  
[http://www.opendiscipleship.org/Mere\\_Christianity\\_leaders\\_notes](http://www.opendiscipleship.org/Mere_Christianity_leaders_notes)

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